

INAUGURAL ANNUAL REPORT

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FROM ONE FAMILY'S STORY TO A
GROWING COMMUNITY OF FUTURE
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

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DAISY FAMILY
FOUNDATION
EST 2025

SCHOLARSHIPS • HEALTHCARE EDUCATION • COMPASSIONATE CARE

The Daisy Family Foundation began with something deeply personal: the loss of our mother, Daisy.

Throughout her life, our mother believed in the power of opportunity. She worked hard to build a life for her children and wanted us to have access to the education and opportunities she had worked so hard to make possible.

During her own experience with cancer, we also saw how difficult it can be to navigate healthcare when language and culture create distance between a patient and the people caring for them. That experience stayed with us.

We created the Daisy Family Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity, to turn that experience into something hopeful — an investment in the students who will become tomorrow's physicians, nurses, researchers and public health professionals.

Our inaugural scholarship year showed us just how many talented students are already working toward that future. 135 students applied. Their stories reflected extraordinary academic ambition, research, service, leadership and a commitment to communities that are too often underserved.

We were honored to support three of them with scholarships, but the impact of this first year extends beyond three awards. Every application reminded us that investing in healthcare education is also an investment in the patients and communities these future professionals will one day serve.

This report is a reflection of what we accomplished together in our first year — and a look at where we hope to go next.

With gratitude,

Robert Han - Christy Han - Dinh Han
Founders, Daisy Family Foundation



2026 BY THE NUMBERS

135

Applicants

3

Scholarship Recipients

\$6,000

Scholarships Awarded

\$2,000

Per Scholar

45:1

Applicants per Award

72.6%

Applicants with Clinical/
Healthcare Experience

71.0%

Applicants with Community
Service Experience

36.3%

Applicants with
Multilingual Experience

Our inaugural scholarship cycle attracted students from across the country who demonstrated academic achievement, healthcare experience, research, leadership, service, and a commitment to improving care in their communities.



Why We Started

Sometimes, the difference between fear and understanding is just one word.

Our mother, Daisy Hanphung, came to America and built a life centered on family, hard work and opportunity. She became an entrepreneur, raised three children and remained deeply connected to the people she loved.

When Daisy was diagnosed with uterine cancer in 2022, our family experienced the complexity of the healthcare system alongside her. During treatment, only one of the many doctors and support staff involved in her care spoke enough Vietnamese to discuss her situation comprehensively. The language gap made an already difficult experience harder to navigate.

That experience became part of the reason we created the Daisy Family Foundation. We believe healthcare professionals need more than clinical knowledge. They need the ability to communicate, build trust, understand culture and meet patients with compassion.

Our mission is to nurture the next generation of medical professionals through scholarships and research funding — with a particular interest in students who are committed to serving underserved and linguistically diverse communities.

Daisy's story is where this work began. The students we support are how we hope it continues.



Why This Work Matters

Healthcare needs more than talent. It needs understanding.

The need for culturally and linguistically responsive healthcare is part of a larger national challenge. Language barriers can affect communication, understanding, trust and the ability of patients to navigate care. Workforce shortages also leave many communities with limited access to primary care.

68M+

People in the U.S. who speak a language other than English at home

92M

Residents in primary care Health Professional Shortage Areas in 2025

3

Core Ideas:
ACCESS, TRUST, &
REPRESENTATION

Research and federal guidance underscore the importance of meaningful language access and culturally responsive care. Professional interpretation can improve communication and patient experience, while language-concordant care can strengthen trust and understanding. Evidence is nuanced, but the direction is clear: communication is part of quality care.

For the foundation, the upstream opportunity is education. By supporting students who are preparing to become healthcare professionals, we can help strengthen the future workforce while supporting people who already demonstrate a commitment to service.



A FIRST YEAR BUILT AROUND OPPORTUNITY.

135

Applicants

3

Recipients

\$6,000

Total Awarded

2.2%

Selection Rate

45

Applicants per Award

\$2,000

Per Scholar

The 2026 scholarship was the Daisy Family Foundation's inaugural cycle. Applications were reviewed based on academic commitment, healthcare/service experience, leadership, community involvement, and alignment with the Foundation's mission, followed by finalist interviews.

APR 1

Application Opened

MAY 31

Application Closed

JULY

Finalist Interviews

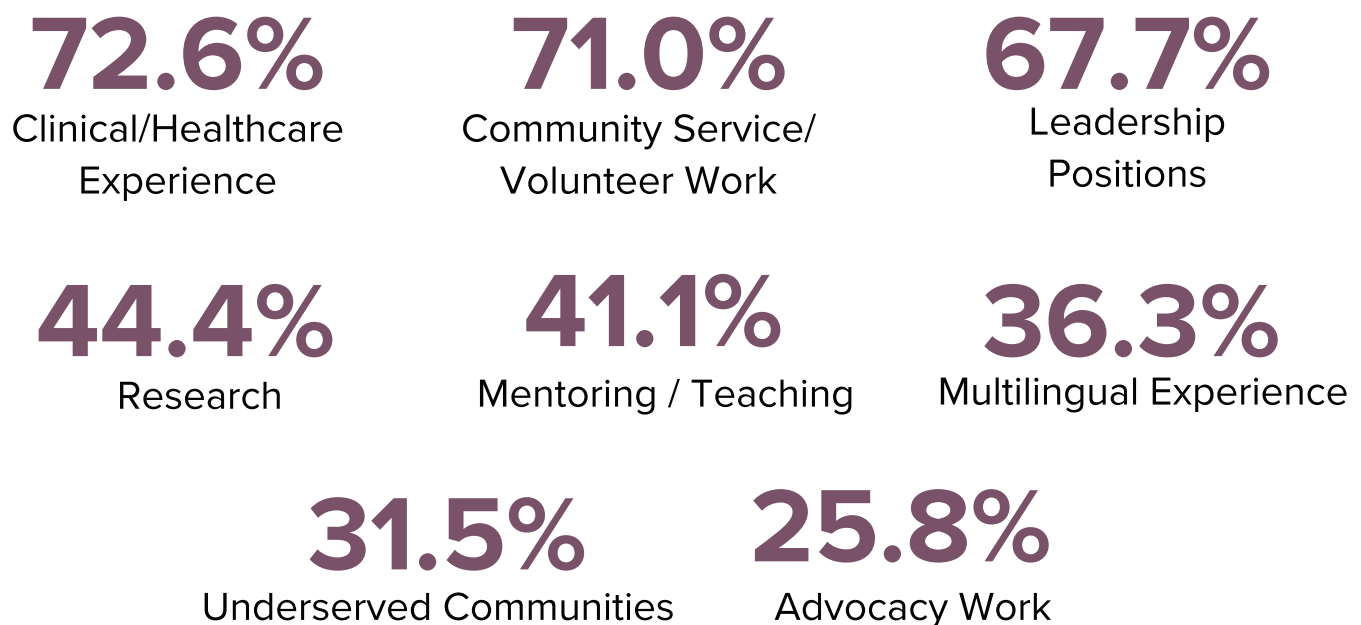
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Recipients Announced



THE APPLICANT POOL WAS STRONGER--AND BROADER-- THAN OUR FIRST SCHOLARSHIP CLASS.

Across the provided resumes/CVs, applicants frequently demonstrated clinical experience, service, leadership, research, mentoring, and a commitment to access.



These figures illustrate why selecting 3 recipients was such a difficult process. Applicants were not simply pursuing healthcare careers – many were already contributing through clinical service, research, mentoring, advocacy, and efforts to improve access to care.



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Applicants Identifying Without
White in their Responses

41

Black or African
American

18

Asian

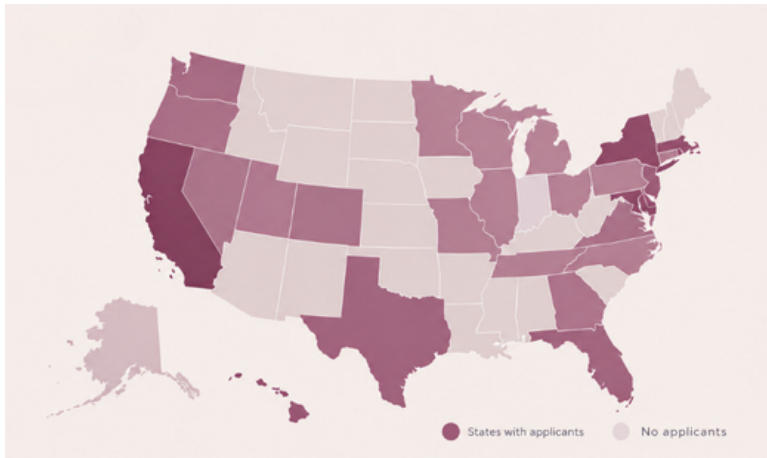
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Hispanic/Latino

2

Native Hawaiian or
Other Pacific Islander

Applicants could select more than one race/ethnicity category. Three applicants selected multiple categories within this diversity-group analysis, so category counts overlap.

**26**

States Represented

A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF FUTURE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

The inaugural applicant pool reflected meaningful
racial and ethnic diversity based on applicants' own
self-reported responses.



A REMARKABLE APPLICANT COMMUNITY

Applicants reported experience at, or through programs affiliated with, nationally recognized universities, medical schools, research institutions and health systems.

Harvard University
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Stanford University
Columbia University
Johns Hopkins University
University of California, Los Angeles
USC and the Keck School of Medicine
UC Davis School of Medicine
Washington University in St. Louis
Yale University
University of Michigan
University of Pennsylvania
Cornell University
Emory University
University of Washington
California State University, Fullerton.

Applicants also reported distinctions and experiences including:

National Institutes of Health (NIH) programs and fellowships
National Science Foundation (NSF) research experiences
NIH/National Cancer Institute research
ARCS Scholar Award
NIH MARC U-STAR
NIH T32 Developing Data-Driven Cancer Researchers
UCLA Summer Health Urban Fellowship
Peer-reviewed research and symposium participation
National research and innovation recognition
Competitive entrepreneurship and social-impact programs

This range of experience reinforced the important lesson from our first year: The foundation is reaching students who are already doing meaningful work and who have the potential to become leaders in healthcare.



MEET THE 2026 SCHOLARS

WENDY WANG

UC DAVIS, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



“I hope to become a physician who listens with empathy and translates uncertainty into clarity.”

Wendy Wang is a first-year medical student at UC Davis School of Medicine. Her background includes cognitive neuroscience, emergency medical services, research into neurologic injury and systemic barriers, and community CPR education. She also spent a gap year as a Clinical Research Coordinator at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center studying cardiovascular outcomes. Wendy hopes to help bridge healthcare gaps for Asian American immigrants and underserved communities.



MEET THE 2026 SCHOLARS

YILDA MACIAS

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON-SEATTLE



“The Daisy Family Foundation represents the power of showing up for people during moments of vulnerability and uncertainty.”

Yilda Macias is a doctoral candidate in epidemiology at the University of Washington and a predoctoral fellow in the Developing Data-Driven Cancer Researchers program. Her dissertation examines long-term cancer and metabolic consequences associated with polycystic ovarian syndrome, with attention to populations that experience disproportionate burden. Her community work includes Spanish interpretation, English as a Second Language teaching and health outreach. Her long-term goal is to advance cancer epidemiology and health equity.



MEET THE 2026 SCHOLARS

LOREN CHUA

CA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON



“I remember that one nurse who stopped. Instead of speaking about me...she spoke to me directly. In that moment, I felt seen, cared for, and heard.”

Loren Chua is a fourth-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing student at California State University, Fullerton. She has completed more than 540 clinical hours and has spent years educating students, mentoring aspiring nurses and supporting culturally competent care. Her experiences with vulnerable patients, crisis support and community education shaped her goal of becoming a critical care oncology nurse who helps patients feel heard rather than invisible.



INVESTING IN STUDENTS. BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE.

2026 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Contributions Received	\$7,500
Scholarships Awarded	\$6,000
Operating/Non-Program Expenses	\$500
Funds Carried Forward	\$1,000

DFF maintained a lean operating structure during its inaugural year, with expenses primarily related to nonprofit setup and website/site operations. 80%-90% of the annual funds are funding the program directive. Approximately \$1,000 remained at year-end to support the next scholarship cycle.



WHAT OUR FIRST YEAR TAUGHT US

learning, listening, and building.

There is demand. The inaugural cycle attracted 135 applicants — far more students than DFF could support in its first year.

The talent is extraordinary. Applicants brought substantial clinical, research, leadership and community experience.

The mission resonates. Personal statements repeatedly connected healthcare with service, equity, language access and community responsibility.

Small investments can be meaningful. Three \$2,000 awards helped students continue their healthcare education.

There is room to grow. The applicant pool showed us that the need and interest extend well beyond our first three awards.

Our long-term goal is not simply to fund scholarships. It is to help build a healthcare workforce that is more representative, culturally responsive and prepared to serve communities whose voices are too often unheard.

FROM 3 SCHOLARSHIPS TO A GROWING HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE

The 2026 scholarship cycle was intentionally modest in scale, but significant in purpose. Three students received financial support. More importantly, 135 students raised their hands and told us why they want to serve in healthcare.

Our 2027-2030 Priorities Include:

Grow the number of scholarships — Reach more students pursuing medicine, nursing, public health and related healthcare fields.

Build university partnerships — Develop relationships with scholarship offices, student orgs & healthcare education programs.

Expand mentorship and engagement — Create opportunities for scholars to connect with healthcare professionals and one another.

Track long-term outcomes — Follow scholars as they progress through education and enter the healthcare workforce.

Expand geographic reach — Build upon the interest demonstrated by the inaugural applicant pool.

Build sustainable funding — Diversify donors and pursue foundation and institutional partnerships.



THE DAISY FAMILY FOUNDATION IMPACT MODEL

**One scholarship can support one student.
One student can serve thousands of patients.**

INPUTS

Donor Support
Community Partnerships
Scholarship Funding

ACTIVITIES

Scholarships
Student Engagement
University Partnerships
Healthcare Education Support

MEASURING OUR NEXT CHAPTER

- Number and value of scholarships awarded
- Applicant and recipient demographics
- Fields of study
- Geographic reach
- Scholar retention and graduation
- Community service and leadership
- Scholar engagement with Daisy Family Foundation
- Long-term healthcare workforce outcomes

SHORT TERM

Greater Student Financial Support
Continued Student Healthcare Education
Expanded Student Service & Leadership Experiences

LONG TERM

Greater Cultural & Linguistic Responsiveness
More Service Towards Underserved Communities
Stronger Representation Within Healthcare

VISION: A healthcare workforce prepared to meet patients with knowledge, cultural understanding and compassion.



A BEGINNING, NOT AN ENDING

Our inaugural year began with a simple idea: that our mother's story could become an opportunity for someone else's future.

135 students reminded us just how much potential exists in the next generation of healthcare.

Three scholars became the first recipients of the Daisy Family Foundation Scholarship.

And this is only the beginning.

We are building a foundation that we hope will grow far beyond one family, one scholarship cycle or one year — creating opportunities for students who will carry compassion, cultural understanding and a commitment to service into the healthcare system of tomorrow.

FOR DAISY, THIS IS OUR BEGINNING...





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